

# Educational Benefits and the Department of Human Services

The Michigan Department of Human Services in its efforts to strengthen prevention and early intervention programs...

...will promote full utilization of sources of support for higher education and training, such as Pell Grants, Tuition Incentive Program and the like for all eligible youth.

## **Educational Benefits**

Michigan Educational Savings Programs (MESP)  
Michigan Educational Trust (MET)  
Tuition Incentive Program (TIP)  
Individual Development Accounts (IDA)  
[Educational Training Vouchers](#) (ETV)  
Youth in Transition Program (YIT)  
Children's Benefit Fund  
Educational Grants  
Educational Loans  
Scholarships  
Merit Scholarships  
Teacher Education And Compensation Helps (T.E.A.C.H.)

## **DHS Contacts**

- ◆ Service Worker
  - Youth In Transition (YIT)
  - Children's Benefit Fund
- ◆ Work First case manager
  - Include education as a component of the client's overall plan to become independent of public assistance.
- ◆ Family Independence Specialist-client awareness
  - Approve educational plans for Food Assistance Program ONLY recipients who want to enroll in college.
- ◆ Eligibility Specialist-client awareness

## **Other Educational Related Resources**

- Michigan Student Financial Aid Association (MSFAA)  
[www.msfaa.org](http://www.msfaa.org)
- Paying for College / MI Student Aid  
[www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid](http://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid)
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid  
[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- Sallie Mae College Answer  
[www.wiredscholar.com/index.jsp](http://www.wiredscholar.com/index.jsp)
- National Independent Living Association (NILA)  
[www.nilausa](http://www.nilausa)
- Orphan Foundation of America  
[www.orphan.org/](http://www.orphan.org/)
- MET  
[www.met4kid.com](http://www.met4kid.com)
- College Savings Plans Network  
[www.collegesavings.org](http://www.collegesavings.org)
- MESP  
[www.misaves.com](http://www.misaves.com)
- Scholarship Search –Where's My Money  
[www.fastaid.com](http://www.fastaid.com)
- T.E.A.C.H.  
[www.mi4c.org/TEACH](http://www.mi4c.org/TEACH)

## **DHS - Financial Programs**

- ◆ Family Independence Program (FIP)
  - Issued through use of an EBT (Electronic Benefit Transfer) card named the Bridge Card in Michigan
- ◆ Food Assistance Program (FAP)
  - Issued through use of an EBT (Electronic Benefit Transfer) card named the Bridge Card in Michigan
- ◆ Medical Assistance-Medicaid (MA)
- ◆ Child Development and Care (CDC)
- ◆ State Emergency Relief (SER)

**Educational Income such as grants, loans, work-study, scholarships, assistantships, stipends, and fellowships are excluded as income and as an asset.**